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***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed March 19, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Regarding the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by GRANNEMAN et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,067,063), the applicant argues that the cited reference fails to disclose all the features of the claimed invention, specifically the partition having a receiving part for a flat light source and/or the partition being transparent on at least one side.
3. In response to applicant's arguments it is noted that claim 1 only recites a partition having at least one transparent side, as the light source is not positively recited as part of the invention, but merely as the structure the partition is intended to receive. Regarding the partition having a transparent side, the applicant is directed to section 13 of the Final Office Action (mailed January 24, 2008), where such features are addressed.
4. Regarding claim 9, upon further consideration it is noted that the lighting means of GRANNEMAN et al. do include the argued features. As previously detailed (see the previously cited section 13 of the previous Office Action), GRANNEMAN et al. discloses lighting means 22 forming a partition (lines 61-66 of column 3), and including a flat light source, such partition being transparent on at least one side (i.e. the transparent electrode side of the electroluminescent light source).

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ismael Negron whose telephone number is (571) 272-2376. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jong-Suk (James) Lee, can be reached on (571) 272-7044. The facsimile machine number for the Art Group is (571) 273-8300.

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